

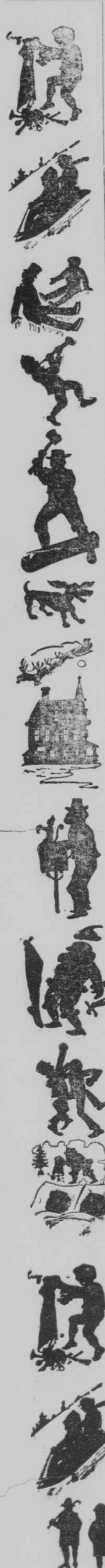


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A GOOD MOVE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Richmond Beneficial & Insurance Company.

A SLIGHT SKETCH OF THE MEMBERS.

Points of Success.

The Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company have made wonderful strides of progress in the two and a half years of their history. Your reporter has been making a study of the phenomenal growth of this Company, endeavoring to ascertain the secret of their success. He has gathered this much which may be of interest to the public.

First of all they were very fortunate in securing a sound man for President. Rev. W. F. Graham is honored and respected throughout the entire country as a man of ability, weight and decision of character. His word can be always depended upon in whatever relation he plays a part with his fellow man. He is Vice-President of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, Secretary of the Board of Managers of Virginia Seminary, Treasurer of the State Foreign Mission Board, and Editor of the Virginia department of the "Christian Banner" of Philadelphia—one of the best Baptist papers published by the race.

His success as pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church in the last four or five years has won for him the esteem and admiration of all Richmond. The laws of the Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company give him the power to know every day all about the conduct of its business and this he does with strict vigilance.

Equally important was it to have a sound and business like man for General Secretary and Manager of the company. That important officer was found in the person of Prof. John T. Taylor—for many years one of the best teachers in the public schools of the state of Virginia. He is well educated and understands his business. He is polite, obliging and best of all very patient with the many classes of people he has to deal with in such business. Mr. Taylor is very popular in Richmond, and leads with great success the choir of the great 2nd Baptist Church of which Rev. Z. D. Lewis, B. D., is pastor. He conducts the business of the company in such a manner as to give complete satisfaction to the members.

We found also that Deacon A. T. Grimes, the 2nd Baptist Church was Treasurer. He is a man of means and the highest reputation. His very name in Richmond stands for honesty.

Mr. W. B. Cunningham, a gentleman of high reputation and a man of good valuable property is the popular vice-president.

Notwithstanding the fact of the General Manager and Treasurer being bonded officers, and the fact that the President keeps such a close watch over the affairs of this Company, there is still another very business like feature connection with their business; that of an auditing committee. Every month these three gentlemen—Messrs. J. J. Carter, A. B. Hawkins and Edward F. Johnson—meet and go over with greatest care every item of business transacted during that month and report the same to the Board.

Every three months the entire Company hears these reports. It seems to your reporter that the Company has added much to the growth of the Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company.

As to the membership and payment of their claims this handsome bill handed me by one of their agents can best explain. I learned also that this Company donated \$100.00 in cash the other day to the Virginia Union University, and that they expect to do something grand next July for the Va. Seminary at Lynchburg.

Yours for the race,
Momo

HIS HEAD DAMAGED.

Stephens and Glover Have a Disagreement.

R. H. Glover and George Stephens, Jr., were in the Police Court, Thursday morning, 17th instant. The former was charged with assaulting the latter.

It seems that both had been imbibing to the satisfaction of the inner man. As to what happened they disagree save in one particular and that was, Stephens has a very much damaged head and his hat will have to be on an angle and in direct contact with his collar in order to hide the evidence received.

Stephens says that he was commenting on the abilities of a certain Afro-American lawyer [Mr. Hayes] whom he deemed to be merely a fortune teller, when Glover took issue with him. Glover said that he [Stephens] stole a ballot-box.

He finally called him a lie, and the result was that he struck him as Stephens thought with a bottle, which he produced in court.

Glover said that the altercation began at Hulebers, corner St. James and Leigh Sts. Stephens was after him, charging him with having a hand in the disturbance in October last when he was not allowed to speak at Bephen's Hall. He took issue with Stephens and he charged that Stephens called him a—

The climax was reached near the corner of St. James and Dural Sts. Glover said that Stephens made a movement as though he was about to draw a revolver. He thereupon "slapped him down and kept him down."

He denied having caressed the back part of Stephens' head with the bottle, and Stephens was uncertain as to what he was struck with.

Glover did not say and the wound

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WILKINS—HEXLEY—The marriage of Jerdenia E. Hexley to Mr. Charles H. Wilkins will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Scott, 816 N. 6th St., Tuesday evening, December 29th, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock. Friends are invited—no cards.

BROWN—BAKER—The marriage of Miss Clara B. Baker to Mr. John T. Brown took place at the residence of the bride's mother, 740 North 17th St., last Wednesday night at 9 o'clock. Reception from 9:30 to 11:30. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The finest dining saloon and lunch counter is at the "CUSTALO HOUSE" 702 East Broad street. Meals at all hours except Sundays. The dining room is opened to the public from 7 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. This department is operated and managed by the well-known Caterer, Wm. H. Thompson. Oysters to order in boxes a specialty.

RANDOLPH—Mrs. Maria Randolph, age 62 years, departed this life on the 4th day of December, 1896, at her residence 908 Buchanan St. She leaves a daughter, three sons, five grand-children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was a faithful mother, and a loving grand-mother.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

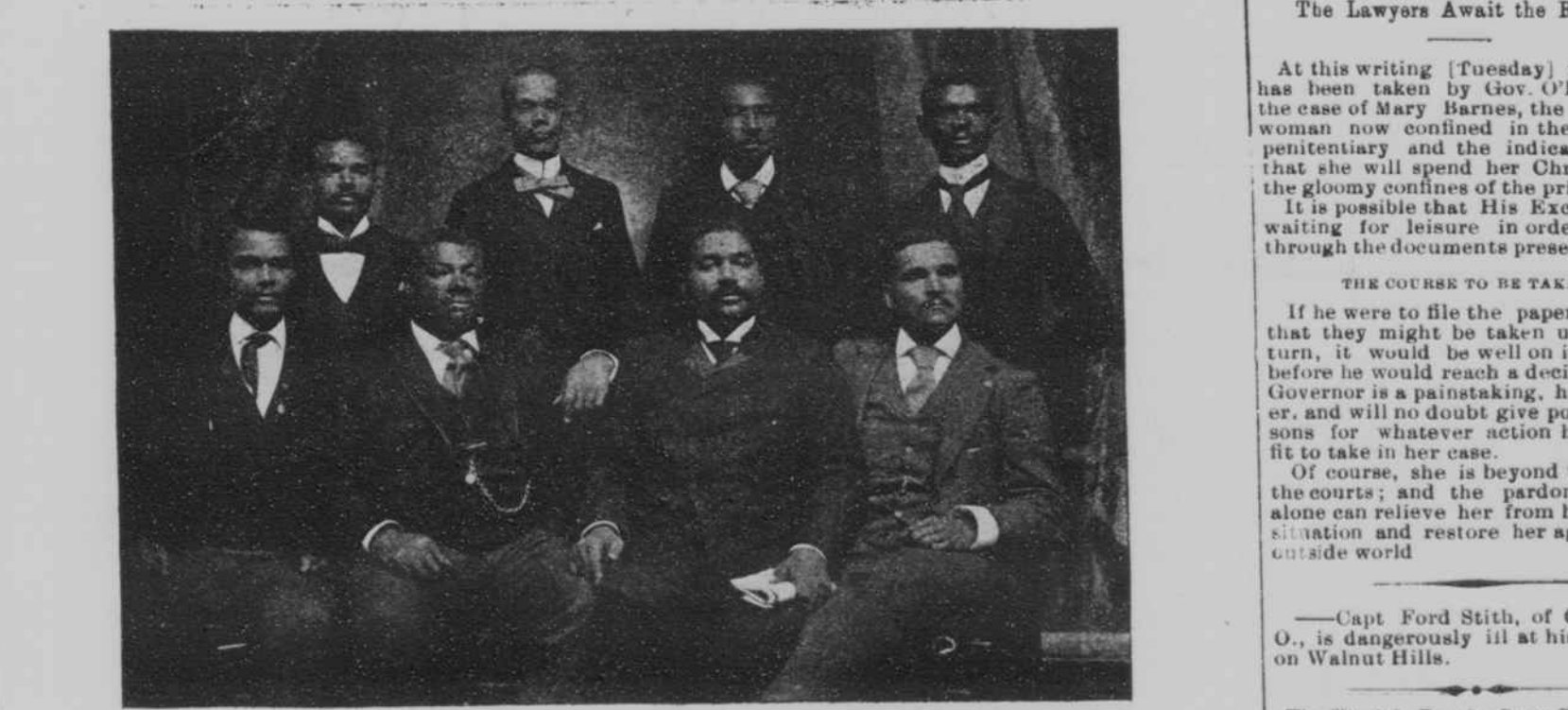
God in his wisdom has recalled, And though the body slumbers now, The soul is safe in heaven.

Our Christmas Number.



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E. F. Johnson, W. B. Cunningham, A. T. Grimes, A. B. Hawkins.
J. J. Carter, C. C. Williams, W. F. Graham, John T. Taylor.

CHRISTMAS COMING.

WITH IT ARE THE BARGAINS.

Enterprising Merchants Make Offers to the Planet Readers.

CALL ON THEM AND HELP YOURSELVES.

Of course you know that cold weather means more energy, and consequently more suffering too if your feet are not properly sheltered by patronizing the

STRAIN SHOE COMPANY.

It's needless to say you cannot be suited because all classes and grades of goods are here to please you. Do not pause or hesitate, call and be convinced. These bargains are a boon to the poor and a saving even to those who may be well off. You spoke of furniture.

CHARLES G. JUBBERS' SON

keeps a supply that would please a king. The prices are most reasonable and the satisfaction in securing what will wear and in which to your money's worth will more than repay you for the visit. Look at the large stock he carries. Everything too, strictly up to date. You narrowly missed running against that mule, but nevertheless Mr.

ANDREW AARHONSON

is there smiling ready to sell you the best groceries at the lowest prices. No use running to rookeries or going even to New York to buy. It's all here. He has thrown down the gauntlet in prices. Bring in the cash and here is money saved. Mr. Aarhonsen is polite and obliging and spares neither time nor money to give you your full money's worth and more. Call on him. Don't sit down in the street. It's slippery? Well, Mr.

J. W. JOHNSON

will take out that stain for you. He is well versed in all kinds of cleaning and will make an old suit look well as good as new. Pain in the stomach? Ah, there's Mr.

S. W. ROBINSON

in the door now. He knows what you want before you ask him. If you are cured of the ailment you'll forget you have it. Mr. Robinson sells first-class soap, although he can't mix with the cheap grades. If you insist upon having it. Don't grumble about groceries. Mr.

D. N. MARTIN

is looking at you. No need of going a mile for what you want when he carries as fine a grade of goods as any in town. Holiday cakes can be made with the Martin flour. Walk in and help yourself. He is a gentleman and will oblige you.

THE RICHMOND BENEFICIAL AND INSURANCE COMPANY

has become a power in the land. Its steadily increasing membership has been as remarkable as it is surprising. Sickness must give up most enjoyable companionship during the months of '97. Intend to inject sadness here, but joy, for you can draw good money when you are on beds of afflictions and have a fine funeral if you make up your mind to leave this world of "joy and pleasure." Here you are Messrs.

ROBINSON AND THOMAS.

have just one vacant chair. Get in quick for there comes a gentleman in a hurry ready and willing to take your place. Hair-cut in the latest style. These gentlemen are ready to oblige and their customers like them. Don't step so suddenly on the pavement, Mr.

W. G. SINGLETON

will sell you the best groceries. He has a full line of goods and he sells them at prices which will make your mouth water. You can get your "bit-terns" there too. Leave your money with Mr. Singleton and you will be surprised at the bargains you will secure in exchange therefor. Messrs.

GEORGE E. CRAWFORD AND CO.

will loan you money if you desire to enjoy Christmas and pay a note. You needn't hunt them. They are here to serve you. If you wish relief on your property, they will loan you the necessary amount at a reasonable rate of interest. Call and see them. You, of course, know Mr.

JOHN M. HIGGINS.

His stock of fine wines, liquors, etc., has caused many a tired man to long for the place. His brands are standard and his prices reasonable. He sells groceries too. Call and help yourself. Pharmacist.

T. W. LEONARD

is too well-known to need reference here. Leonard Prescription Store has become a household word and his pure drugs, spices etc., have made him popular among the sick and the well. If you need anything in his line, call on him. It was said by Mr.

W. I. JOHNSON

handled the funeral admirably. There was not a hitch in the arrangements and the equipments were strictly first class. He was so sympathetic. Well, he attends to marriages, baptisms and parties with the utmost precision and with the same punctuality as has not been his handling of funerals. Life is full of ups and downs and misery, well get what you want and no misery, well get

DR. F. B. RANNEY

to extract that tooth and stop that swelling. He furnishes new sets of teeth at prices which are surprising and your eating becomes a pleasure instead of a pain.

They all enjoy eating those fresh fish and oysters which Mr.

—R. F. JONATHAN

furnishes for the order. Jonathan's

place is known all over the state, because he furnishes the freshest kind of fish, game etc., at reasonable prices. If he fills your order, you can go to bed and snore securely knowing that fine oysters await you in the morning. That was lively music.

MRS. ROSA K. JONES

knows how to render it, and her pupils give signs of rapid progress under her skillful instructions. She has all of the modern methods at her disposal and has just ordered a most expensive instrument to assist her pupils in mastering the keys. That girl, and that boy too for that matter should have a musical education. Send them to her. Mr.

M. C. WALLER

sells groceries at low prices. He is competing with any and all of them. "Cheap, for cash" is his motto. Call on him and be convinced. If you wish a fine Christmas dinner, leave your order with Mr. Waller. Mr.

A. D. PRICE

has a fine lively. His teams are among the finest in town. Does he know how to fill an order? Try him with one. Wedding parties are happy, and the gay young misses smile. They are in Price's carriages. And the tears were soothed as he attended to the funeral arrangements. The

SOUTHERN AID INSURANCE CO.

pays, and they will make you glad when they call. Sick and death benefits in accordance with the amount you pay weekly. Try them and be convinced. Do not put off insurance. Now is the time to attend to it. Mr.

A. HAYES

does not do much talking, but he "gets there." He never disappoints you. His lively is first-class. He has built up a fine line of trade. No one will doubt the reliability of this funeral director. He is sympathetic too and ministers so carefully to the wants of the bereaved family. From death he goes to life and will attend to any or every left for weeping balls etc. Troubles come and so does Mr.

GEORGE DUNCAN

to alleviate them. Choice wines, liquors etc. If you need "bitterns" for the holidays at the lowest rates, he will accommodate you. Mr.

HENRY COOK

the veteran funeral director is prepared to serve his many friends. Death is sure and if it must come, he's the one to send for. Prompt attention and courteous treatment. Call and see him when you are in trouble. The

W. E. AARHONSON CO.

have a full line of stationery and Christmas novelties. Their prices are low, and they will treat you right. At the old stand, they may be found, call on them and be happy. They all know him. Mr.

W. S. SELDEN.

He has been attending to the distress of the widows and orphans. Many have been laid away by him, when earthly help was at hand. He is prepared to serve the public. Prompt attention. Call on him. Send

THE PLANET

to your friend. It is a live journal, replete with interesting and valuable information will prove a most enjoyable companion during the months of '97. Its labors for our oppressed people should entitle it to your hearty support. \$1.50 per year is all that is desired. Send the amount to this office. Presents in abundance can be found at the store of Messrs.

A. M. MEYER AND BRO.

Jewelry, silver-ware, watches etc., of every kind and description. Their prices will astound you. Call and see the inducements now being offered. Their wares are guaranteed. Mr.

W. W. SCOTT

has a fine tonsorial establishment. Hair-cut, shampoo or shave while you wait. His place has been fitted up in the most improved style. All on him and be happy. For fine drugs, call on Pharmacist.

W. C. BAUNDERS.

His place is well-known and his line of goods strictly first-class. Prescriptions carefully compounded, and polite attention extended all.

Y. M. C. A.

The meeting by the boys for parents at the Sixth St. Zion Baptist Church last Sunday night was well attended by the fathers and mothers and others who enjoyed the meeting very much, and expressed themselves as being well paid for coming out. We thank the church and public for their encouragement.

The men's meeting under the direction of the Richmond Theological Seminary was very impressive. All who were present felt that the meeting would ever be remembered. Brother Wilkes gave a very helpful address, subject, "True manhood." Solos rendered by the brothers, Holmes and Williams were very impressive. Music by the Seminary quartette was well rendered.

We wish all a joyous Christmas. Our rooms are open to all. Call to see us. You are welcome.

Meeting for men Christmas morning at 8 o'clock at our rooms. Subject, "How to be happy." Sunday-school lesson Saturday evening at 5:30 o'clock by Prof. G. K. Hov-

Special meeting for boys Sunday evening at 4 o'clock at our rooms. Meeting for men Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock at True Kingdom Hall. A special subject by the State Secretary, L. W. Coulter, "Chains that Bind." (A straight talk on crooked subjects). Every man should hear the State Secretary. Music under the direction of Director C. C. Williams. Free to all men.

Have you paid your subscription? Have you fulfilled your promises to the collector?